

In the Claims:

1. A weatherseal for releasably contacting a panel, comprising:
 - (a) a substrate; and
 - (b) a contact layer on at least a portion of the substrate, the contact layer including a thermoset carrier and a multitude of UHMW polyethylene particles having a polar functional group, the UHMW polyethylene particles chemically bonded to the thermoset carrier.
- 5 2. The weatherseal of Claim 1, wherein the thermoset carrier includes cross linkable urethane.
3. The weatherseal of Claim 1, wherein the substrate includes one of an EPDM, modified EPDM, thermoplastic and thermoplastic elastomer.
4. A weatherseal, comprising:
 - (a) a substrate formed of one of EPDM, modified EPDM, thermoplastic and thermoplastic elastomer; and
 - (b) a contact layer on the substrate, the contact layer including surface treated UHMW polyolefin particles in a cross linked urethane based carrier.
- 5 5. The weatherseal of Claim 4, wherein the ultra high molecule weight polyolefin particle is cross linked.
6. A contact layer for a weatherseal, comprising:
 - (a) a multitude of surface treated thermoplastic particles bonded to a curable carrier.
7. The contact layer of Claim 6, wherein the thermoplastic particles are an ultra high molecular weight olefin.

8. The contact layer of Claim 6, wherein the thermoplastic particles are surface treated UHMW polyethylene.
9. The contact layer of Claim 6, wherein the carrier includes urethane.
10. The contact layer of Claim 6, wherein the thermoplastic particles have a melting temperature greater than a curing temperature of the thermoset carrier.
11. A weatherseal, comprising:
 - (a) a substrate; and
 - (b) a contact layer on a portion of the substrate, the contact layer having a multitude of surface treated olefinic particles in a cured thermoset urethane based carrier.
12. The weatherseal of Claim 11, wherein the substrate is one of an EPDM, a modified EPDM, a thermoplastic and a thermoplastic elastomer.
13. The weatherseal of Claim 11, wherein the surface treated olefinic particles are UHMW polyethylene.
14. The weatherseal of Claim 11, wherein the surface treated olefinic particles are chemically bonded to the cured thermoset urethane based carrier.
15. The weatherseal of Claim 11, wherein the surface treated olefinic particles are cross linked.
16. The weatherseal of Claim 11, wherein the surface treated olefinic particles are sufficiently bonded to the carrier to substantially preclude separation.
17. The weatherseal of Claim 11, wherein the surface treated olefinic particles are encapsulated within the carrier.
18. The weatherseal of Claim 11, wherein the surface treated olefinic particles have a polar functional group.

19. The weatherseal of Claim 11, wherein a melting temperature of the surface treated olefinic particles is less than a curing temperature of the urethane based carrier.

20. A method of forming a weatherseal, comprising:

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(a) forming a substrate;

(b) mixing a multitude of surface treated olefinic particles and a curable thermoset urethane based carrier;

(c) disposing the mixed surface treated olefinic particles and the curable thermoset urethane based carrier on a portion of the substrate; and

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(d) curing the curable thermoset urethane based carrier as it is disposed on the substrate to retain discrete surface treated olefinic particles.